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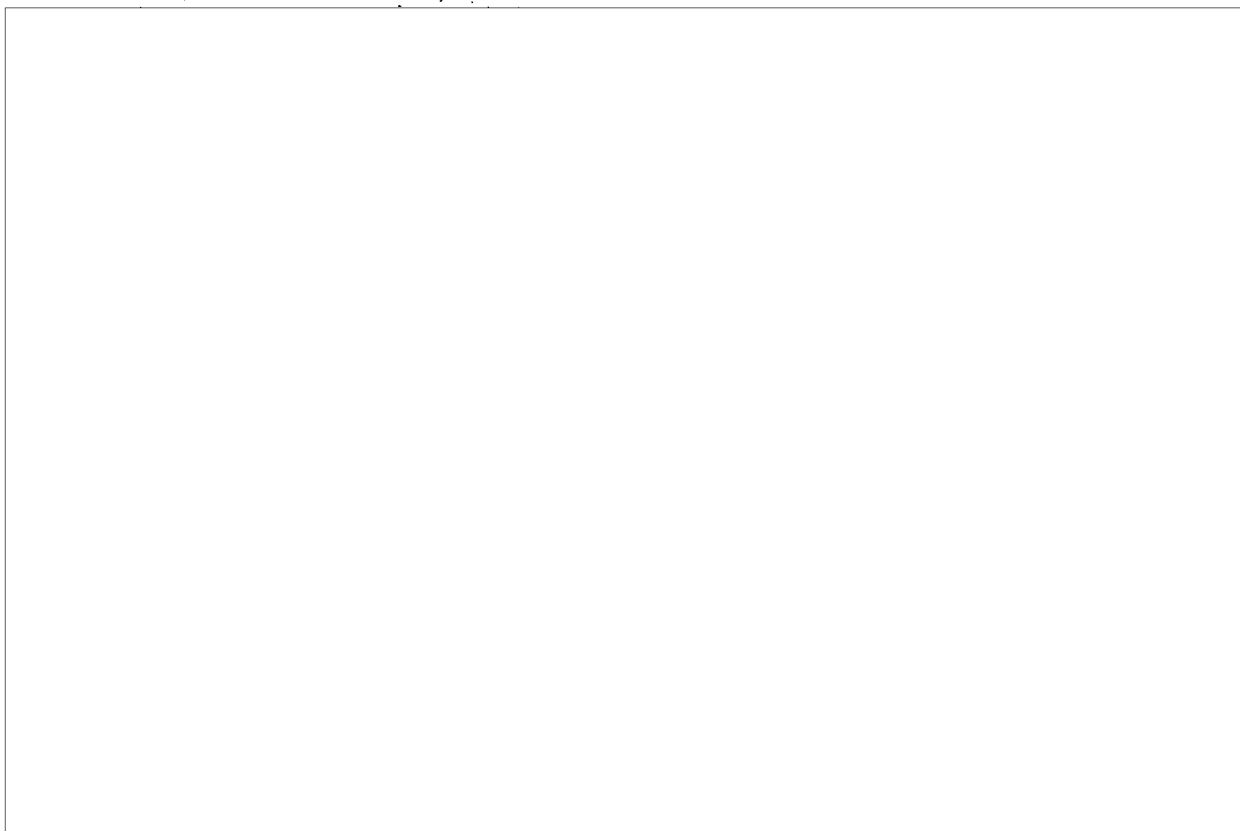
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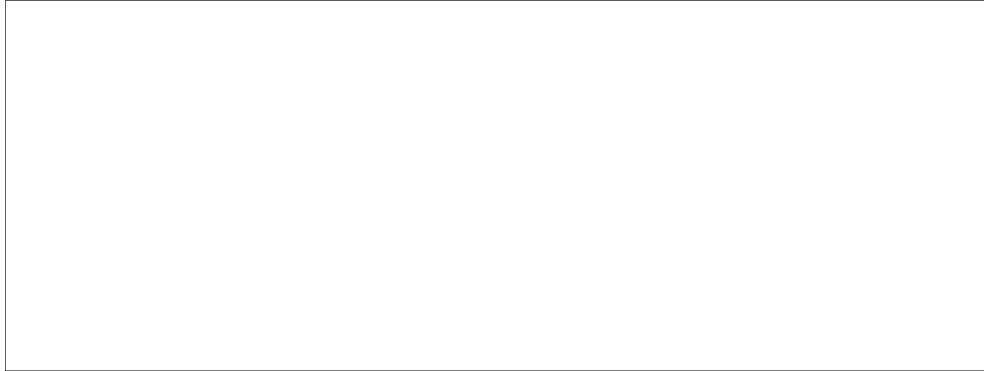
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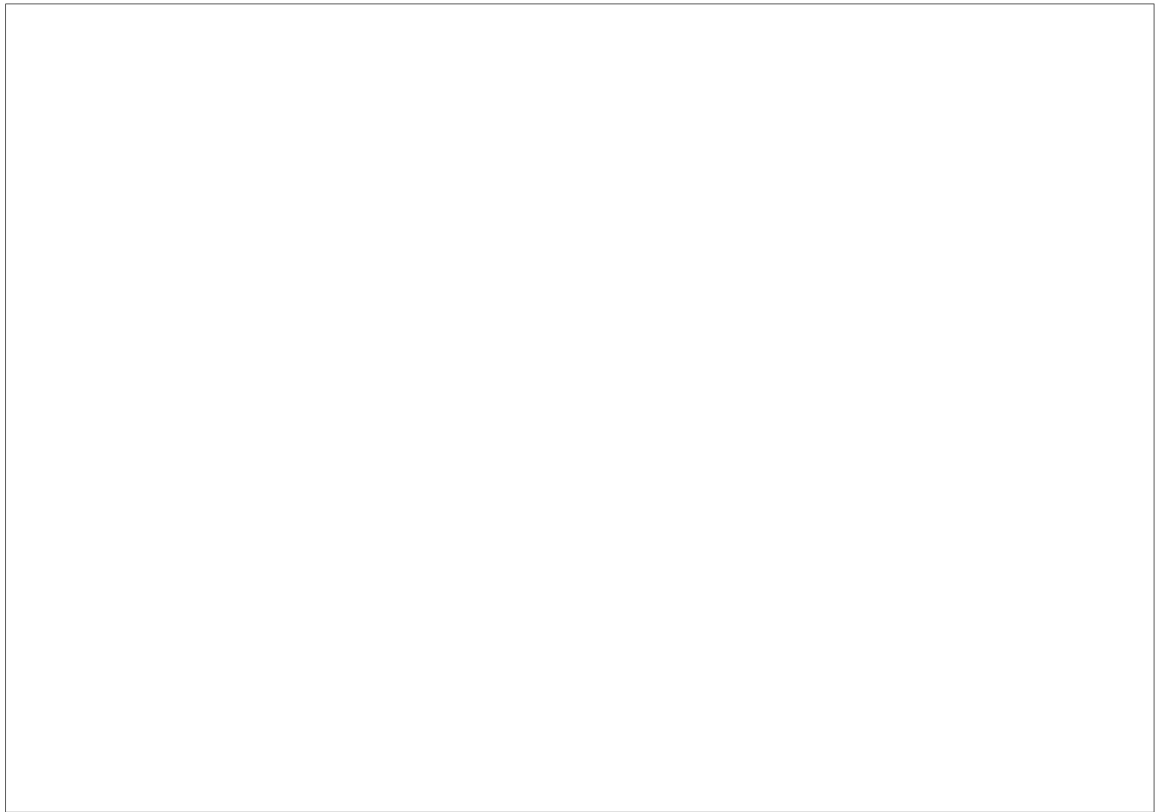
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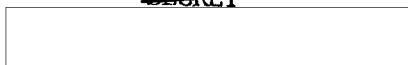


-- Argentina continues to feel pressure from Europe on human rights matters. The European Community will soon present a

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demarche to Buenos Aires that recognizes recent improvements in Argentina but protests the lack of protection of foreign nationals and expresses concern over the general human rights situation. *The Europeans seem to want to stop short of endangering existing contacts and other mutually satisfactory relations in such areas as trade. The French, for example, wanting to take some punitive action in response to the disappearance of two French nuns in Argentina, did not break established military relations, but withdrew the two slots in the French army war college traditionally reserved for Argentine army officers. This assignment involved two years' residence in Paris with generous allowances and will be viewed as a loss by the Argentine military.*

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- The chief of the Brazilian foreign ministry's UN division recently outlined Brazil's position on the key issues now before the Geneva meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission. *Brazil, he said, will avoid aggravating tensions, but will defend its "very strict" interpretation of the UN charter's call for the "promotion," not the "protection," of human rights. The Brazilian delegation will keep in mind the interests of Argentina, Paraguay, and especially Uruguay, all of which share common borders and special relationships with Brazil. The Brazilians also will not turn their backs on Chile, although*

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support for the Chilean government would be silent and discreet. On most issues, Brazil plans to be "passive," but it will actively oppose the creation of an office of high commissioner for human rights.

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